



FINAL

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
Board of Directors**

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

August 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Andrew Clarke – Chair, Division 2
Ralph Rubio – Vice Chair, Mayoral Representative
Brenda Lewis, Division 1
Molly Evans – Division 3
Jeanne Byrne – Division 4
Robert S. Brower, Sr. – Division 5
Mary Adams – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Rep.

Directors Absent: None

General Manager present: David J. Stoldt

District Counsel present: David Laredo

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action taken.

**ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO
AGENDA**

The following comments were directed to the Board during Oral Communications. **(a) Dan Turner**, resident of Monterey, expressed support for Measure J. Mr. Turner stated that if the voters do not approve the measure, proponents of the measure would bring the proposal forward again. He invited the directors to attend a September 24, 2018 meeting at which the mayor and chief financial officer for the city of Missoula will speak on that city's experience taking over a private water company. **(b) Tom Rowley** announced that on September 26, 2018, a meeting of the Coalition of Housing, Agriculture, Business, Labor and Education, would conduct a forum on Measure J. Speaking in support of the measure would be George Riley of Public Water Now, and speaking in opposition to the measure would be Scott Dick of the Monterey County Association of Realtors.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

On a motion by Byrne and second of Rubio, the Consent Calendar was approved on a unanimous vote of 7 – 0 by Byrne, Rubio, Adams, Clarke, Evans, Lewis and Rubio.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved.

Approved an expenditure of \$18,311 to contract with the California Conservation Corps.

Approved an expenditure of \$23,650.

Approved the Notice of Exemption and an expenditure of \$15,000.

Approved the 2018 Annual Memorandum of Agreement.

General Manager Stoldt announced that Mark Bekker and Debbie Martin recently retired from the District, and that Stephanie Kister Campbell, Sara Reyes and Stephanie Locke were recognized for achieving the milestones of 10, 20 and 30 years, respectively, working for the District.

1. **Consider Adoption of Minutes of the July 16, 2018 Regular Board Meetings**
2. **Consider Expenditure to Contract with the California Conservation Corps for Fall 2018 Vegetation Management and to Remove Concrete at Rancho Canada (No CEQA action required per CEQA Guidelines Section 15168 Program EIR)**
3. **Consider Expenditure to Contract for Completion of Annual Carmel River Survey (Exempt from CEQA – Section 15306)**
4. **Consider Expenditures for Permitting of a New Carmel River Fish Counting Weir (Exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15306 and 15378)**
5. **Consider Approval of 2018 Annual Memorandum of Agreement for Releases from Los Padres Reservoir among California American Water, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (Exempt from environmental review per SWRCB Order Nos. 95-10, 98-04, 2002-0002 and 2016-0016, and Section 15268 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, as a ministerial project; Exempt from Section 15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources.)**

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

6. **Mark Bekker upon retirement after 33 years of service to the District**
7. **Debbie Martin upon retirement after 18 years of service to the District**
8. **Stephanie Kister Campbell – 10 years with the District**
9. **Sara Reyes – 20 years with the District**
10. **Stephanie Locke – 30 years with the District**

Mr. Stoldt introduced Chris Cook, recently appointed Director of Operations for California American Water. Mr. Stoldt announced that the District celebrated its 40th birthday in 2018. He explained that in June 1978 local voters approved creation of the District. Mr. Stoldt referenced promotional items distributed at the meeting that were published by the Sustainable Moments Collective. He described the Collective as promoting sustainability in the tourism industry, and also popularizing the Monterey Peninsula as a sustainable destination. Mr. Stoldt reported that representatives from Ecology Action Now had begun canvassing disadvantaged neighborhoods and offering vouchers for purchase and installation of high efficiency toilets, dishwashers and washing machines made available by the High Efficiency Appliance Retrofit Targets Program. This effort was funded by a grant from the Regional Water Management Foundation.

Mr. Stoldt reported that no rain was received in July 2018; therefore, rainfall remained at 65% of long-term average. He noted that rain gage data was available on the District's website. He reported that Camel River streamflow was not continuous downstream to the Carmel River Lagoon. District staff rescued 2,369 fish from the mainstem of the River, and tagged 86% of them. In addition, 2,164 fish were rescued from tributaries to the river. He reported that based on average August – September water demand and other considerations, a buffer of 491 acre-feet remained to meet any unanticipated increase in demand that might occur, while adhering to the CDO production limits.

District Counsel Laredo reported that for items 3 and 4 direction was provided to staff but no reportable action was taken. As for item 4, at the September 17, 2017, Board meeting the Directors would consider follow-up action.

Director Brower announced that sometime in the future, he would resign from his position as Division 5 representative on the Board of Directors. He cited health issues as the

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

11. Status Report on California American Water Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order 2016-0016 and Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

12. Report on 5:30 pm Closed Session of the Board

- 3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code 54957) – General Manager**
- 4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov Code 54956.9 (a)) – Application of California American Water to CPUC (No. 12-04-019) – Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project**

DIRECTORS' REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS ON TRIPS, CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND MEETINGS)

13. Oral Reports on Activities of County, Cities, Other Agencies/Committees/Associations

reason for his eventual departure from the Board. He did not specify a departure date in order to allow time for persons interested in the position to come forward and be part of the process. Director Evans reported that she attended the July 17, 2018, meeting of the Special Districts Association of Monterey County. The topic of discussion was groundwater sustainability management. Speakers were Keith Van Der Maaten from Marina Coast Water District and Gary Peterson from the City of Salinas who spoke about their efforts as Groundwater Sustainability Agency managers. Director Clarke announced that he attended the August 17, 2018, 20th anniversary celebration of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project. He noted that Anna Caballero, Mark Stone and Bill Monning were also in attendance.

On a motion by Byrne and second of Brower, Ordinance No. 179 was adopted unanimously on a vote of 7 – 0 by Byrne, Brower, Adams, Clarke, Evans, Lewis and Rubio. No public comment was directed to the Board during the public hearing on this item.

No Action Items were submitted for consideration.

Stoldt reported on the proposed decision on A12-04-019 issued on August 13, 2018 by Administrative Law Judges Haga, Houck and Weatherford. There was discussion by the Board – no action was taken.

The following comments were directed to the Board during the public comment period on this item. **(a) George Riley** representing Public Water Now, congratulated the District for cooperating on development of the Plan B option, expansion of the Pure Water Monterey Project. He stated that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) ignored that option, but that Public Water Now would argue vociferously in support of that option. **(b) Dan Turner**, resident of Monterey, estimated that if the proposed desalination project were to be constructed, the cost of water would reach \$7,500 per acre-foot. The cost of purified water from the Pure Water Monterey Project would be \$2,000 per acre-foot. He urged the Board to oppose the desalination project due to the high cost. **(c) Tom Rowley**, Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association, estimated that fewer than 40,000 ratepayers must fund a long-term, sustainable water supply project, yet the State has provided only a small amount of funds to develop a solution. He stated that the CPUC must be made to understand the heavy financial burden that has been placed on local ratepayers, and the high cost of delays in preparation of the EIR that were caused by the incompetency of CPUC staff. *General Manager Stoldt noted that Public Water Now is a participant in the proceedings on A12-04-019 and George Riley will present comments at the August 22, 2018 hearing. He stated that*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 14. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 179 – Clarifying Rules Related to the Rebate Program, Permits, and Water Waste (CEQA: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301)**

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 15. Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP) CPUC Proposed Decision on Application 12-04-019; Discuss District Comments and August 22nd Oral Arguments**

Cal-Am's local water distribution system consists of 38,000 connections. Mr. Stoldt advised that \$20 million in grant funds was issued for the Pure Water Monterey Project, and that a federal grant application was open.


There was no discussion of these items.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF
REPORTS**

16. Letters Received
17. Committee Report
18. Monthly Allocation Report
19. Water Conservation Program Report
20. Carmel River Fishery Report
21. Semi-Annual Financial Report on the CAWD/PBCSD Wastewater Reclamation Project
22. Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report

ADJOURNMENT



Arlene M. Tavani, Deputy District Secretary